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Reagan to sign compromise appropriations bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Congress passed emergency legislation needed to avert a partial shutdown of the government Monday and the Senate gave an 11th-hour boost to a gasoline tax increase as the lame-duck 97th Congress limped toward adjournment.

The White House announced early this morning that President Reagan would sign the compromise appropriations bill, which passed the Senate hours earlier by a vote of 55-41. The House passed the measure on a 232-54 unrecorded standing vote earlier in the day.

Both the Senate and House then launched into a marathon session to pass the 5 cents-a-gallon gasoline tax increase favored by Reagan, the last major legislation to have a chance to clear the 97th Congress.

There was no sign of a letup in the Senate as debate droned on past midnight on the gas

tax bill while House members slept in their offices, watched late night television or simply gave up and headed for home.

The Senate early Monday evening voted 71-24 to approve the substance of the 5-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax increase, indicating strong support. However, under complicated Senate parliamentary procedures, a final vote on the bill was necessary, allowing a new filibuster by conservatives who earlier were cut off by a debate-limiting cloture petition.

To prevent the bill from being talked into oblivion, the Senate then voted 87-8 again to limit debate. A final vote on the gasoline tax had not been taken when the Missourian went to press.

The gasoline tax played second fiddle to the emergency appropriations bill, however, because many agencies were operating

Legislation means the government keeps running

semi-legally, technically without funds.

Senate Republican leader Howard Baker said within minutes of the Senate vote that Reagan had promised to decide swiftly whether to sign the measure, which cut out MX missile production funds he wanted. A delay or a veto would shut down "non-essential" government functions this morning.

Congress included a last-minute Christmas present to itself in the catchall money bill — a 15 percent pay increase for House members to \$69,800 and a lifting of all limits on outside income for senators.

The Senate, weary from a week of marathon meetings, took up the gasoline tax increase — already approved by the House — in early evening. Delayed by a series of fil-

busters, the measure promised to be the cliffhanger of the 97th Congress.

Even if passed, there was doubt whether a compromise between the vastly differing House and Senate versions of the bill to pay for highway and bridge repairs could be reached before lawmakers rebel and go home for Christmas.

In anticipation of Senate approval, work began on resolving the conflicts. But both houses would have to concur on a compromise for the bill to go to Reagan, who lobbied senators for passage.

The bill would raise \$5.5 billion a year to fix roads, bridges and transit systems that are beginning to crumble after years of wear and create 320,000 jobs.

The Congress tried to move quickly after taking its time on the crucial omnibus government spending bill for most of the three-week post-election session, although the delays that caused one senator to label the proceeding a "lame-brain session" continued.

The final compromise on the money bill reached Sunday night by a House-Senate conference committee, was free of a public works jobs program Reagan had threatened to veto, but denied him funds for production of the MX nuclear missile.

Baker said he had talked with Reagan about rumors the president might hold the money bill hostage to force passage of the gas tax, but was assured that was not the case and "he intends to act on it promptly."



Nick Duggan photo

En-joy-ing

The hallways of Jesse Hall rang with the sounds of Christmas Monday during the annual Jesse Hall Holiday Party. Everyone from the janitors to the chancellor — 275 employees who work in the building — were invited. Santa appeared and flirted with the women, including Virginia Martin of Ashland, above. Chancellor Barbara Uehling led the carolling. "I really want to hear that harmony come out," she urged. Marsha Walker, coordinator of special events at Jesse, said it was the sixth such holiday party. They started out small, with each person bringing a dish to contribute. The party got bigger and bigger until, "We ran out of cold windowsills to put the food in."



Council readily approves social services package

By Bennie M. Currie and Dean Kahn
Missourian staff writers

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When the City Council voted Monday to approve unscathed a \$498,790 funding package for local social service agencies, Barbara McDonald felt a great weight lifted from her shoulders.

As chairwoman of the Boone County Community Services Advisory Commission, she had overseen a year's worth of difficult negotiations about the future of area programs at a time of state and federal social service cutbacks.

Mrs. McDonald radiated relief as she stood in the lobby outside City Council chambers following the 5-1 vote.

"I'm very pleased," she said.

As a result of the vote, the agencies soon will be receiving checks in the mail to continue their programs through 1983.

The anticipated debate about the recommendations did not materialize. "There was a great deal of lobbying and concern" about the commission's recommendations, Mrs. McDonald said. "We had heard there was a possibility of shuffling by the council."

Those worries were unfounded, however, as public comment lasted only an hour, with most of that focused on the proposal to give \$6,000 to Planned Parenthood for a family sex-education program.

The balance of the discussion was filled with close questioning by council members about the recommendation to give \$29,000 to Family Service of Columbia for individual, group and family counseling services at the expense of Family Counseling Center of Missouri, which received no dollars for that program.

Funding for Planned Parenthood generated the most comment, with three council members in favor and four opposed. The program puts parents and their younger children and teenagers together in group settings to discuss family sexuality issues.

Delores Hemphill, the Planned Parenthood employee working with the education program, sought to show public support for the program by asking everyone in the meeting hall who supported Planned Parenthood to stand up. About 20 people rose.

One parent who observed a group session, Carolyn Bartell, charged that the program ignores "Judeo-Christian" morals in favor of "secular humanism." "We believe Planned Paren-

thood is forcing their religion on our children," she said.

Mrs. Hemphill said the program does not promote abortion or the use of birth-control programs administered by Planned Parenthood, as intimated by several of the organization's critics. Groups of families in the education program may discuss such topics as contraception and venereal diseases, she said, but only with the approval of the parents involved.

Councilman Matt McCormick, who cast the sole negative vote, and Al Tacker both closely questioned Mrs. McDonald about the Advisory Commission's decision to favor Family Service of Columbia over Family Counseling Center.

She gave three reasons the commission unanimously favored Family Service. It proposed to provide service at a lower dollar unit cost than Family Counseling Center; the services by the two groups served similar parts of the community and the commission wished to avoid funding duplicate services; and Family Counseling Center receives state funding for its program to aid individuals with alcohol problems.

The commission, Mrs. McDonald said, decided that funding Family Service would complement the state support given its competitor.

Mrs. McDonald admitted it was not an easy decision. "We feel both of these agencies provide good service," she said. "They're two fine agencies, no qualms about that."

Funding totals for local agencies include \$74,982 to Family Service for counseling programs and residential care for rape and abuse victims, \$28,500 to Front Door Counseling and Youth Center, Inc., for counseling and youth residential care, \$84,103 to Job Center, Inc., for financial counseling and employment assistance, \$69,605 to Columbia Visiting Nurses Association for home health care services, and \$35,500 to Everyday People, Inc., for emergency shelter and assistance.

The council also approved allocating \$12,000 to the Boone County Council on Aging for individual, group and family counseling, \$13,000 to Phoenix House of Columbia for substance abuse/adult residential care; \$11,100 to Reality House, Inc. for adult residential care, \$28,000 to Meals on Wheels for home delivered meals, and \$18,000 for the Voluntary Action Center for information and emergency assistance.

State's tougher stance broadens roadblock for drunken drivers

By Joe Stinebaker
State capital bureau

INSIGHT

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri State Highway Patrol targeted drunken driving as a priority item this year, and so far the agency has been getting results. DWI arrests have increased nearly 17 percent over 1981, according to Lt. Ralph Biele.

Biele said the patrol made 6,439 DWI arrests from January to September, compared with 5,513 arrests for the same period last year.

The increase in DWI arrests is the result of efforts by both the Highway Patrol and citizen's groups to combat drunken driving, said Col. Howard J. Hoffman, Highway Patrol superintendent. "We've looked more in that direction (DWI's) than we have

in the past. We were concentrating more on the speed level."

Marge Charleville, who founded the Missouri chapter of Remove Intoxicated Drivers and is president of its St. Louis chapter, said the group is starting to make noticeable progress, too. She said the increase in DWI enforcement is a result of heavy public pressure on the state's law enforcement agencies.

Since RID began its push for greater DWI awareness last December, several changes have been made in Missouri's handling of DWI cases. The changes include formation of Gov. Christopher Bond's Task Force on DWI and passage of a

tougher DWI law by the General Assembly. The law took effect Aug. 13.

Mrs. Charleville said she is encouraged by the Highway Patrol's efforts but the agency's successes would not have been possible without the "vocal support" of citizen's groups such as RID.

In addition, federal funds were given to the Department of Public Safety by the National Highway Safety Foundation. That money was allocated to local enforcement agencies to assist their DWI programs.

Dave Baxter, programs manager for the Division of Highway Safety, is a member of the task force and is spearheading the movement for stricter DWI enforcement and prevention.

Baxter said he thinks high police visibility is an effective deterrent to

drunken driving. "We need to raise the visibility of police and increase the probability of being arrested," he said.

The chances of being arrested while driving drunk in Missouri are about one in 2,000, Baxter estimates. He said that figure is derived from data collected from communities in this and other states. He said that in some areas of the state, such as Kansas City, the figure may be as low as one in 500.

Baxter said he is concerned about the time police must spend on each DWI arrest. He said an officer making a DWI arrest must accompany the arrested person to the police station, where a breathalyzer test is administered. This can take up to two hours, he said, and limits the amount of time an officer can spend

on the streets.

Baxter is not happy with current rehabilitation programs in the state. He said 25 percent of DWI offenders completing the programs are arrested again for alcohol-related offenses.

DWI enforcement "needs to be handled on a community level, that's where the tragic consequences occur," Baxter says. "We need to be spending a lot more effort with community groups."

At a recent meeting of the Governor's Task Force on DWI, Assistant Attorney General Ted Bruce told members that Missouri's new DWI law is in need of some modification. Bruce said the law provides a loophole that hurts the state's DWI enforcement. He said that if a defendant in a municipal trial waives

his right to an attorney and is convicted, the conviction cannot be used by the state in subsequent DWI trials.

But Bruce said the law has advantages, too. He said it is tougher on repeat offenders, and it needs to be. "When he (the defendant) comes into court the second time, we want to say 'You've got a problem and we want to take severe action against you,'" he said.

Despite the increased DWI arrest rate, plans are in the works to make the state's laws even tougher. The governor told a recent meeting of his task force he will ask the 1983 session of the General Assembly for a bill to allow automatic suspension of a driver's license for a DWI arrest involving a blood-alcohol content of .10 percent or higher.

Home at last

Toddler, boy free after months of torture in shabby van

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Three-year-old Tara Burke, imprisoned in a shabby van and abused by two men during 10 terror-filled months, had to see the family portrait before she believed she was really back home, her tearful father said Monday.

Police — led to the van Saturday by an 11-year-old Vietnamese boy who also had been kidnapped — rescued the girl Saturday, in time for her to be home for Christmas.

The boy fled through the roof-top ventilator of the run-down gray van Saturday morning after being held for eight months. He was in a foster home Monday, pending an investigation of his domestic status.

Police charged Luis R. "Tree Frog" Johnson, 33, and Alex Cabarga, 18, with false imprisonment and various sex crimes.

Bond was set at \$70,000 for Johnson and \$80,000

for Cabarga.

Officers burst through the van doors to find a frightened Tara "lying naked on a mattress with the younger suspect," Police Lt. Tom Mazzucco said. "She was very, very quiet and very frightened to death of everything."

She was identified Sunday night as the child who had been missing since last February. Then she was reunited with her parents, Steven and Elizabeth Burke.

Tara's long blonde locks had been trimmed and appeared more brown. The Burkes were uncertain until they questioned her that she was their daughter. She did not recognize them at first.

Burke said Tara identified herself and her family from a family portrait.

"We weren't looking forward to Christmas at all until last night," he said.

Tara was snatched from the family's van in the parking lot of a Concord, Calif., shopping center Feb. 6 by a man who knocked on the window and said her mother wanted her inside the store.

She spent her first night back at home playing with her dogs, her toys and her only brother, Jeremy, 10, who had been with her in the family van when she was taken.

The Vietnamese boy had run barefoot from the van to the home of a friend Saturday morning. He told his friend's grandmother what happened.

He said the captors frequently beat him and Tara and forced them to engage in sex acts. He said they taught the girl to beat him with a rubber hose and forced her to commit sex acts in exchange for food.

The boy said he was lured into going along with the men April 11 with promises they would pay him \$200 a month as a baby sitter.

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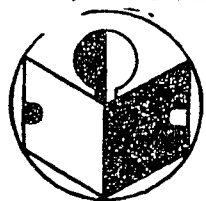
In 1978, the American Society of Newspaper Editors set a goal of hiring enough blacks and other minorities by the year 2000 to equal the representation of these minorities in their communities. It now appears this goal will be impossible, although several companies have made efforts to increase their minority hiring.

Students in Robert P. Knight's beginning reporting class at the University School of Journalism spent hundreds of hours and hundreds of dollars in long-distance phone bills to produce the special supplement in today's Missourian, "Telling the Story of America."

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